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1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED)

CONTRARY TO REPORT GIVEN US BY VICEFONMIN OBIOLS, CA
PRESIDENT MEETING AT PUERTO BARRIOS JAN 18 DID ISSUE DECLARATION,
ROUGH TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE RELATING TO TRADE ACT REASE AS
FOLLOWS: THERE WAS AGREEMENT AMONG THE PRESIDENTS..THAT THE
NEW TRADE ACT OF THE UNITED STATES CONTAINS POSITIIVE ELEMENTS
THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT FOR MORE JUST AND
EQUITABLE COMMERCIAL RELATIONS IN AMERICA, ESPECIALLY AT A
TIME WHEN ECONOMIC BLOCS ARE FORMING THAT EFFECT, OR COULD
AFFECT, THEIR (READ LATIN AMERICA) INTERESTS. NEVERTHELESS,
THEY NOTE WITH PREOCCUPATION THAT (THE ACT) INTRODUCES WITHIN
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INTERAMERICAN RELATIONS DISCRIMINATORY RELATIONS THAT COULD

AFFECT BROTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE PROVISIONS
OF TITLE V. THE PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THE DESIRE THAT SUCH
PROVISIONS BE ELIMATED THROUGH THE PROCESS OF DIALOGUE
OFFERED BY REGIONAL FORA, WITH THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE BEING
CONTINENTAL SOLIDARITY AND THE PROGRESS OF THE PEOPLES
OF AMERICA. THE PRESIDENTS BELIEVE STRONGLY IN THE NECESSITY
OF MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERAMERICAN SOLIDARITY AND
ARE CONVINCED THAT THROUGH DIALOGUE THE BEST SOLUTIONS TO
CONTINENTAL PROBLEMS CAN BE ENCOUNTERED AND CONFRONTATION
AVOIDED THAT COULD CAUSE THE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONS
AMONG AMERICAN STATES TO DETERIORATE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

COMMENT: (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) A NICE BALANCE THAT SAYS
LITTLE OTHER THAN THAT THEY'LL BE IN THE BACK BENCHES SUPPORTING
MODERATE LATIN AMERICAN POSITIONS.
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